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SUBJ: BARBADOS' FONMIN'S REACTION MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

1. DURING MEETING WITH BARBADOS' MINISTER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
GEORGE MOE THIS MORNING ON ANOTHER SUBJECT (SEPTTEL), MOE
MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN FRONT PAGE STORY BARBADOS PRESS THIS
MORNING BYLINED UPI HEADLINED "US STARTS AIR LIFT OF ARMS
TO ISRAEL."

2. FIRST PARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE STATED "THE UNITED STATES
DISCLOSED YESTERDAY IT HAS BEGUN A MASSIVE AIRLIFT OF WAR
MATERIAL TO ISRAEL, NOW FACED WITH THE ENTIRE MIGHT OF THE
EGYPTIAN ARMY ON THE EAST BANK OF THE SUEZ CANAL. INFORMED
SOURCES IN WASHINGTON SAID THAT THE AIRLIFT INCLUDED F 4
PHANTOM JETS AND TANKS." ARTICLE CONTINUED WITH QUOTE FROM
TASS NEWS AGENCY STATED TO BE FROM JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED
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BY KREMLIN LEADERSHIP AND VISITING ALGERIAN PRESIDENT

BOUMEDIENNE, THAT THE USSR PROMISED "TO ASSIST IN EVERY WAY THE LIBERATION OF ALL ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL."

ARTICLE CONTINUES WITH DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT FIGHTING AND CONCLUDES: "THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THE AIRLIFT TO ISRAEL AND SAID THAT IT WAS DESIGNED TO COUNTER A SOVIET AIRLIFT OF WEAPONRY TO SYRIA AND EGYPT. PRESIDENT NIXON, HINTING AT THE POSSIBILITY OF DIRECT UNITED STATES INTERVENTION, SAID THAT U.S. POLICY IS TO ASSURE THE INDEPENDENCE OF MIDDLE EAST NATIONS AS IT WAS IN 1958 WHEN U.S. MARINES LANDED IN LEBANON."

3. DRAWING ON MCCLOSKEY NEWS CONFERENCE MATERIAL, I WAS ABLE TO PLACE RESUPPLY EFFORT FOR ISRAEL IN MORE ACCURATE PERSPECTIVE FOR MOE. NO INSUPERABLE PROBLEMS CREATED. I DID PROMISE MOE, HOWEVER, THAT AS SOON AS DEFINITIVE POLICY STATEMENT RECEIVED I WOULD GET IT TO HIM IMMEDIATELY.
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